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# USS Chung-Hoon at CARAT U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher S. Johnson Engineman 3rd Class Ryan Fortune, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), and a group of Tagburos Elementary School students play with one of the school's new basketball rims June 29. Sailors installed the basketball rims during a Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines 2011 commu-

#### Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard breaks ground for \$15.8 million waterfront building



U.S. Navy, Congressional and contractor officials and representatives symbolically break ground for a new \$15.8 million production services support facility at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Kahu (Hawaiian for guardian) Kawila Clark presides over the turning of soil to shovel-holders (from left) Michelle Au, welder apprentice, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor Naval-Hickam; Rear Adm. Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific; Capt. Brian Osgood, commander, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard; Jennifer Sabas, chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye; Fooney Freestone, president, Nan, Inc.; and Don Bongo, president, Metal Trades Council.

Story and photo by Katie Vanes

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard Public Affairs

Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard began another significant step in fulfilling its facilities modernization plan with the ground breaking ceremony for the \$15.8 million profacility adjacent to historic ed the ceremony. dry dock one on July 6.

Construction will commence July 11 with a projected completion date in September 2012. Naval Facilities Hawaii (NAV-FAC) is funding the twostory, 36,685 square-foot structure. Nearly 100 military and civic leaders and shipyard personnel, including Hawaii Gov. duction services support Neil Abercrombie, attend-

Keynote speaker Jennifer Sabas, chief of staff to U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye, read a letter to the audience at the ceremony on behalf of Hawaii's senior

"Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard plays a key role. It begins with our strategic location and ends with all

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nity service project. CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast



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#### Pacific Partnership team arrives in Federated States of Micronesia

MC1 R. David Valdez

Pacific Partnership Public **Affairs** 

POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) (NNS) -- The Pacific Partnership 2011 team arrived in Micronesian waters for the final phase of the mission July 3.

The majority of the team arrived aboard amphibious transport dock ship and Pacific Partnership 2011 flagship, USS Cleveland (LPD 7), which is housing the command staff; the crew; and representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs), Sailors, Soldiers, Marines and Airmen from each of the partner nations participating in the mission.

"The entire Pacific Partnership team is excited to get our mission started in the Federated States of Micronesia," said Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, commander, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23 and mission commander of Pacific Partnership 2011.

"The fact that we are arriving in FSM with Chief Machinist's Mate Salper Rodriguez, a Pohnpei native and Cleveland crew member (pictured at right), makes this visit even more special. If that weren't enough, we have a member of the 2011 United States Naval Academy graduating class, Eugene Amor, who has returned to his native country and is playing a lead role in our mission here," Wilson

The Pacific Partnership team will have two additional challenges in this port.

First, Cleveland will not be able to secure pierside or anchor in any Micronesia



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher Farrington

Capt. Jesse A. Wilson, mission commander of Pacific Partnership 2011 and commander of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 23, meets the family of Chief Machinist's Mate Salper Rodriguez during the opening ceremony for Pacific Partnership 2011. Pacific Partnership is a five-month humanitarian assistance initiative that has made port visits to Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and the Federated States of Micronesia.

restrictions.

harbor, due to navigation no suitable locations for the crew will remain underway Cleveland's

ship to anchor or moor in during this mission port,"

"We determined there are Pohnpei, so the ship and said Lt. Jacqueline Ellis, navigator.

wildlife and their habitat."

Secondly, the team will visit square miles of land mass (roughly the size of Austin, challenges in the region. Texas) but occupies more than one million square miles in the Pacific Ocean (roughly the size California combined). These hundreds of miles.

able experience working independently yet cohesively," said Lt. Cmdr. Dave Burkett, Pacific Partnership 2011's locations," said Papp. operations officer. "In a humanitarian tance/disaster response crisis, more than 36,000 patients, responders may have to carry engaged in more than 20 out the mission in remote locations and work independently. We've been working up to this 1,500 animals and conductpoint at each of our mission ports, and we're ready to take on this final challenge."

The multi-national team, which included military repre-Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Spain and Timor-Leste, also included a contingent from Japan which joined the Pacific Partnership team in Timor-Leste. The Japanese contingent was not expected to participate this year in the earthquake off the coast of Tohoku, but they remain committed to engaging in the humanitarian assistance ini- Pacific Partnership, visit:

The partner nations and NGOs of Pacific Partnership are engaging in engineering, dental, medical and veteri- ner.

"Besides that, Micronesia nary civil assistance projects has quite a few coral reefs and subject matter expert and, as stewards of the envi- exchanges designed to ronment, we have to make increase interoperability sure that we don't harm the between host nations and partner nations. The combined team of Pacific Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Partnership and host Yap during their mission, nations is also developing which might only be 271 sustainable solutions for environmental and social

"This particular mission will be a real test of our interoperability," said Royal of Alaska, Texas and Australian Navy Cmdr. Ashley Papp, commander states are made up of island Australian Contingent, chains that are separated by Pacific Partnership 2011. "While Capt. Wilson will "This is an excellent oppor- have to travel to the more tunity for the team to get valu- remote locations, I will have the privilege and responsibility of representing Pacific Partnership at our main

> "In a To date, Pacific assis- Partnership has treated engineering projects, provided care for more than ed more than 40 community service projects in Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

The Pacific Partnership sentatives from Australia, mission was born out of the Canada, France, Indonesia, aftermath of the 2004 tsunami, which devastated Indonesia. Following that mission, Pacific Partnership began in 2006 and has gone to many countries in Southeast Asia and the South Pacific, treated more than 240,000 patients, and wake of the 9.0 magnitude continued to enhance interoperability with partner nations.

For more news from www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11, www.facebook/pacific partnership/, http://twitter.com/pacificpart





#### Warrior of the Week: Airman is rodeo team member and avid photographer rodeo is an Air Force-wide refueling missions and his career field," said 1st Lt. also showed extreme dediation that tests every aspect "Sergeant Visitacion was rodeo team leader. "In a positive attitude, which the Hawaii Air National Story and photo by SrA Lauren Main tion that tests every aspect of the different teams' career fields. The events are selected to be a member of Guard." 15th Wing Public Affairs preparation for the competihas been a benefit for the Outside the rodeo team due to his tion, Sergeant Visitacion entire team. o not only be Visitacion said he enjoys nowledgeable his work and serving his the C-17 state and country. He is physically and mentally challenging and include an Visitacion's schedule stays has proven to not only be extremely knowledgeable Staff Sgt. Bradley expertise in Visitacion, avionics technician with the 154th Aircraft equally busy with projects around the house and his obstacle course, comon Globemaster undoubtedly dedicated to III, but his job, only wishing that h a s there were "more jets here Maintenance Squadron, is a Hawaii native and avid photographer. He is also an bat challenges, main hobby of photography. "I got into photography because I wanted to eventuelite member of the 2011 Cally put something up on to take on more missions in the walls of my home," he said. "But the main thing I 17 Rodeo Team and this the Pacific. week's Hickam "It means a lot to me to like about photography is being able to capture the moment when it happens." Whether it's his enthusi-Warrior. know that my supervision and my co-workers feel The that I have the ability to do my job as a member rodeo team," he asm toward his job or his hobbies, Visitacion's visible devotion to his team is what of the rodeo team," he said. "I'll be repretotal force makes him this week's inte- Joint Base Warrior of the Week. PEARL HARBOR \* HICKAM STAFF SERGEANT Staff Sgt. Bradley Visitacion, avionics technician with the 154th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is a Hawaii native, avid photographer and an elite member of the 2011 C-17 Rodeo Team. Visitacion was nominated for this week's Joint Base Warrior of the Week for his expertise in his career field and dedication to his team and squadron.



#### What does being an American mean to you?



Master Sgt. Frank Hartzell 647th Contracting Squadron

"Fortunately my job allows me to travel to many countries. I've seen how hard life is elsewhere. Being American to me means having opportunity...opportunity to become educated, to have access to healthcare, to give my children a good future...to live the "American Dream."

**A1C Barry Riester** 

747th Communications Squadron

"Being an American means being a citizen of the greatest nation in the world, and enjoying the freedoms men and women who have served before me have fought to protect."



Staff Sgt. Tamia Griffie 15th Medical Operations Squadron

"Being an American means I am free to make my own decisions and follow all of my dreams."

Olivia Hughes, 12

"Before school ended, we were learning about the Middle East and countries like that. They have so many problems and they have so little freedom. It made me sort of think how lucky I was for all those men who died and gave their lives to keep us safe. I really respect them."

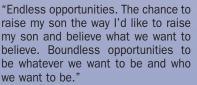




Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Trace Barnett USS O'Kane (DDG 77)

"I'm proud of being an American because we fought for our independence."

Cryptologic Technician (Collection) 1st Class (SW) Amy Cozort USS O'Kane (DDG 77)





USS O'Kane (DDG 77)

Culinary Specialist 1st Class (SW) Lorena Cox

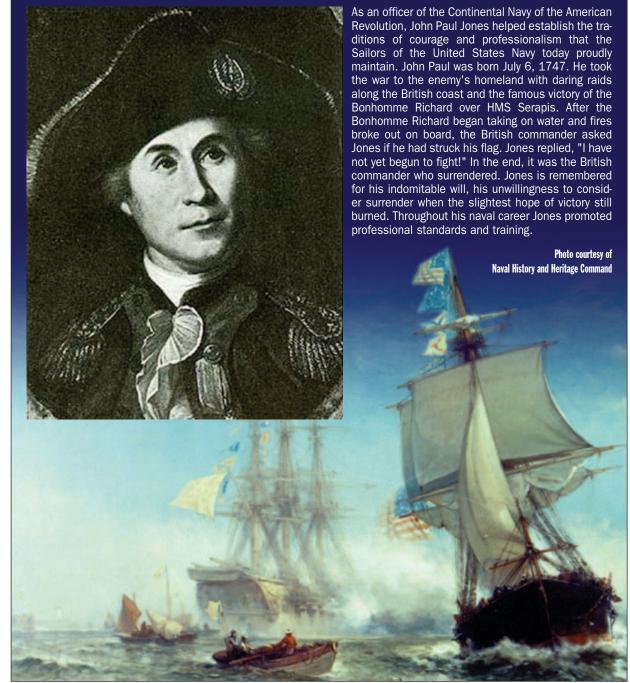
"When the fireworks came out, there was joy, pride in being an American."

(Provided by David D. Underwood Jr. and MC2 (SW) Mark Logico)

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# Father of U.S. Navy born July 6



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#### Joint base Airmen participate in Silver Flag

Silver Flag prepares Airmen, Sailors, Marines for contingencies

Staff Sgt. Amanda Savannah

18th Wing Public Affairs

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan -- Six days of intense training culminated in a field exercise at Kadena Air Base, Japan on June 28 for more than 120 Airmen, Sailors and Marines during Silver Flag 11-06.

Civil engineer and force support Airmen from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, and Kadena and Misawa Air Base, Japan teamed with Navy Seabees from Camp Shields and Marines from Camp Foster to train on during contingency opera-

During the field exercise, the students were evaluated on how well they understood their specific contingency operation skills, based on their individual career fields. For example, pavements and equipment Airmen are responsible for runway repair.

"The Silver Flag exerto go to war and our airfield was attacked," said Tech. Sgt. Bryan Rosburg, 1 Det. 1 554th Rapid Squadron Engineer Heavy Operational Repair ing and exercise focuses Squadron Squadron pavements and equipment contingency training NCO in charge. ensures] these Airmen know how to go of teamwork and joint out and repair the runway so the planes can land and take off and support Sailors and Marines have the aircraft's mission.'

Staff Sgt. Chad Shipp,



U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Jarvie Z. Wallace

Tech. Sgt. Mark Farmer, 647th Civil Engineer Squadron pavement and heavy equipment operator with Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, relays information about crater damage to the airfield damage repair chief during Silver Flag 11-06 at Kadena Air Base, Japan on June 28.

contingency operations.

classroom stuff, and we've all of this is to support been doing bypass repair the PACOM [Pacific on a fuel line [during the exercise]," Shipp said. ment and their objectives, "It's hot, but it's going and improve our partnergood. This gets us ready in case anything happens, particularly the in [Pacific PACAF Air Forces] region. If a pipeline gets blown up, we'll be ready to take care cise simulates if we were of it, so it [Silver Flag] has definitely helped." Maj. Rob Moriarty, Det.

554th Red Horse commander, Deployable said the Silver Flag train-Engineer on preparing Air Force civil engineer and force support Airmen for contingency operations. However, the importance cohesion has been reintroduced into the training as rejoined Silver Flag.

"This is the first year in 647th Civil Engineer quite a while where we've Squadron water and fuels been able to do a fully maintenance technician integrated joint exercise from Joint Base Pearl with both the Marines Harbor-Hickam, said the and Navy Seabees, where training and hands-on they joined us for the exercise helped prepare training and were work-

sustaining the mission him for future possible ing with us throughout the exercise," Moriarty "[We learned] a lot of said. "The whole point of ship with our host nations [and joint services] and be able to support them."

> Navy Senior Chief John Cunningham, Naval Construction Mobile Battalion 133 utilitiesman chief senior from Camp Shields, coordinated with Red Horse leadership to include Navy Seabees in Silver Flag 11-

> "I think it's very important to have an opportunity like this," he said. "It is something we don't get a very big chance of doing. We work hand-in-hand with the Red Horse unit here in contingencies and on deployment sites, so getting the opportunity to work with their command element, learn some terminology and work sideby-side builds a pretty good relationship and opportunity that unique to some of the locations we get to go to."

#### **Cook with caution**

#### **Hickam Communities** LLC

More than 50 percent of fires that occur at Hickam Communities are a result of unattended cooking. Unattended cooking is the number-one avoidable cause of a fire. Here are a few tips to help you reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use
- the stove or stovetop.
   Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are
- cooking. • Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- If you have a cooking fire:
- Just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency after you leave.

- If you try to fight the fire, be sure others are getting out and you
- have a clear way out.
   Keep a lid nearby when you are cooking to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

To view a short video about cooking safety, on to the the local safety net page at number www.HickamCommunitie

#### What you need to know about your fire extinguisher

Each home at Hickam how to correctly use a fire Communities is equipped with a working fire extinguisher in case of emergency. Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher? Listed below are some important facts, and more can be found on the safety

net page at www.HickamCommuniti es.com where you will find a link to a live demonstration showing extinguisher.

• Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is

not filled with smoke. • To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS.

- Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slow-
- ly and evenly. Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

#### **Federal Fire Department Fire Safety Tip of the Month**

Barbecues and smokers should be kept at least 15 feet away from buildings, homes and all tree branches

# Pearl Harbor-Hickam Highlights

(Below) Landing craft utility (LCU) 1665, assigned to Assault Craft Unit (ACU) 4, prepares to off-load passengers and equipment onto the amphibious transport dock ship USS Cleveland June 3 during Pacific Partnership 2011. Pacific Partnership is a five-month humanitarian assistance initiative making port visits to Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

U.S. Navy photo by MCS John Grandin





U.S. Navy photo by MCI Robert Clowney
The Armed Forces of the Philippines Air Force 507th Composite Tactical Wing
Band performs for Sailors manning the rails of the guided-missile destroyer USS
Chung-Hoon (DDG-93) as the ship arrives in Puerto Princesa to participate in
Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines 2011 on June 28.
CARAT is a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to
strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh The crowd basks in the sunset at the Pacific Missile Range Facility's (PMRF) Freedom Celebration held July 1. Nearly 6,000 people attended the event which featured three musical performances and various games and vendors throughout the night.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Sean Furey Sailors and family members observe the USS Arizona Memorial while on a boat tour of Pearl Harbor.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Christopher S. Johnson Engineman 3rd Class Ryan Fortune, assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), and an Armed Forces of the Philippines navy sailor replace a basketball goal June 29 during a community service project at Tagburos Elementary School. Sailors from Chung-Hoon are supporting Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Philippines 2011, a series of bilateral exercises held annually in Southeast Asia to strengthen relationships and enhance force readiness.



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Sean Furey
Tim G. Lopez, Lead guitar player of
the band The Plain White T's (right)
talks with the Commander of Joint
BasePearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH),
Capt. Jeffrey W. James (left) while at
the USS Arizona Memorial. The Plain
White T's played shows at JBPHH for
the 4th of July celebrations.

(Left) Kelley Mongillo studies her next move before she serves during a volleyball tournament at the Pacific Missile Range Facility's (PMRF) freedom celebration held July 1.

U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Jay C. Pugh

### Shipyard groundbreaking

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of you – a proud team committed to returning ships defense of freedom. I am honored to be considered said in the letter.

Inouve commended the leadership, shipyard's "from top to bottom for turning the corner the past few years to deliver vessels on time and on budget." He also called for the Navy to work with Congress to continue the shipyard's modernization.

Erection of the facility will provide a permanent, covered workspace for engineers and workers. The building will also eliminate temporary work structures, project team setup and removal costs, while improving submarine maintenance productivity and efficiency.

"Direct engineering support of production on the deck plates is absolutely critical to the efficient execution of repair work," said Capt. Michael Ballou, shipyard engineering officer.

"The co-location of the structural production and engineering team right where the work is happento have a huge positive impact on our performance of this critical line of facility will include product their combat systems.

work," Ballou said.

The facility will achieve a sustainable design aimed to optimize efficiency by to the fleet, fit to fight, in consolidating related functions into a single, twostory permanent structure. part of your team," Inouye It will create an efficient, safe, secure and all-weather working environment for shipyard workers with maximal natural light penetration and ventilation in industrial areas.

> receiving  $_{
> m the}$ 2010Secretary Robert T. Mason Award for Depot Maintenance Excellence on behalf of the shipyard in recognition of our service to the fleet." said Capt. Brian Osgood, commander of Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility, during his speech.

"We remain laserfocused on becoming the Virginia-class 'Center of Excellence' – a promise we Preservation Office as being will keep. On behalf of the compatible with the 1940s men and women serving in this strategically important shipyard, I'd like to service naval shipyard and extend sincere thanks to Sen. Inouve and the other ter for the Navy's surface members - and former ships and submarines. It members - of Hawaii's congressional delegation for their longstanding support ing at the dry dock is going of our shipyard," Osgood

Work spaces in the new

tion resource support areas directly linked to waterfront projects in the dry docks, a satellite tool shop, administrative areas, a briefing room, secure storage room, nursing station, staging areas, an information technology center and break areas.

Considered a "green" project by internationally recognized Leadership in Energy and Environmental "I had the privilege of Design (LEED), the facility will reach measurable ratof Defense ings in water efficiency, energy and atmosphere quality, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality, ultimately enhancing the quality of life for the current and future shipyard workforce.

> The structure, which lies close in proximity to a number of historic sites in the shipyard's skyline, has been approved by the State Hawaii Historic of

> area design elements. The shipyard is a fullregional maintenance cenis a field activity of the Sea Systems Naval (NAVSEA) Command which engineers, builds, buys and maintains naval

> ships, submarines and



Cryptologic Technician 2nd Class Cameron Lowery, a Sailor on USS Reuben James (FFG 57), was one of the Sailors who received an autographed copy of Don Brown's latest book "The

#### Author donates autographed books to Reuben James Sailors

Story and photo by **Ensign Ben Dalton** 

USS Reuben James (FFG 57) Public Affairs

Sailors on the guided missile frigate USS Reuben James (FFG 57) recently received copies of author Don Brown's latest book, "The Malacca Conspiracy."

Brown, a prior Navy JAG officer, has written several books about the Navy and the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. His latest book prominently features the Reuben James.

The author and the publisher, Zondervan, worked together to ensure that all of the approximately 200 Sailors on the ship received a personally signed book. "It's nice to get a book signed by the author, especially since it features the ship we serve on," said Ensign Eric Scoggins.

Brown said that choosing to feature the Reuben James in the book was an easy decision. He said that the ship's service record, name recognition, and hishave as long of a history as Reuben James.

Three ships have carried that name. The original name came from a brave boatswain's mate who served in the Barbary Wars and saved the life of his commanding officer during a nighttime raid.

"The Malacca Conspiracy,"

part of Don Brown's Navv justice series, follows JAG tory made it a clear win- officer Zach Brewer through ner, noting that few ships his many adventures. In Brown's latest book, oil tankers transiting through the Strait of Malacca are attacked by pirates. The Navy steps in and begins escorting tankers as they transit through the strait. The plot thickens and the tanker attacks are only the beginning of Zach Brewer's adventure.

#### KHON (FOX) TV 2 Hawaii Navy News upcoming segments

July 14 - P307 groundbreaking

July 21 - Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam

July 28 - Navy community outreach

Aug. 4 - TBD

Aug. 11 - PHNSY apprentice graduation

(The segments currently air between 6:20 and 6:30 a.m. each Thursday. Previous segments can be viewed at http://www.bit.lv/KHONNavy)

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Email editor@hookelenews.com or call Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs at 473-2875. Stories must have a Navy tie and be of interest to the general public.

#### Harold Estes celebration of life set for July 9

A celebration of life for Harold Estes ceremony starts at 5 p.m. will be held Saturday on the fantail of the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

Homeported ships at Pearl Harbor will conduct a rare whistle-blowing retired Navy chief boatswain's mate, tribute to Chief Estes at 5 p.m., just prior to the start of the memorial service. The public is advised not to be

Seating will begin at 4:15 p.m. The in the Navy League Hall of Fame.

Dress is aloha attire, summer whites for military. Estes, a World War II veteran and a

died May 17 at the age of 96.

He was involved with bringing the USS Missouri and the USS Bowfin to Pearl Harbor. He was also enshrined